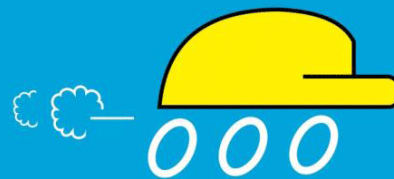


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Today's Teams

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Winchester City

Eric Edge	1	Ryan Pryce
Jayden Maddock	2	Joe Hayward
Dan King	3	Danny King
Korey Pring	4	Brad Gale
Christien Turner	5	Joe Cook
Dean Turner (C)	6	Josh Harfield
Myron Turner	7	Simba Mlambo
Yeshaya Lomotey	8	Rob Carr
Ewan Dunbar	9	Jamie Barron
Jamie Martin	10	Liam Gilbert
Edjija Mbunga	11	Oli Bailey
Liam Smith	12	Tyrell Mitford
	13	
Adam Bloomfield	14	Jake Rawkins
Will Hawes	15	IK Hill
Lewis Adams (GK)	16	Ollie Griggs
Joe Wilton	17	Craig Davis
Max Harper-Emerson	18	Josh Corner

Managers:

Lee Driver-Dickerson
Dave Strain

Craig Davis

Physios:

Rebecca Cox

Jo Brocksom

Referee:

Mark Pearson

Assistants:

Thomas Palmer
James Whittington

Club Chat

With Rob Peck

Good afternoon, and welcome to Thornhill Park.

I'd like to offer a warm welcome to the players, officials and fans from our visitors today Winchester City. We hope you enjoy your stay with us, and have a safe journey home.

It's been a couple of weeks since our last home fixture and there has been a lot going on. Firstly welcome to Myron Turner who has joined us on a full time basis from Longlevans, his presence in midfield will bolster the squad currently hit by one or two injuries.

It was very unfortunate to see Ben Hands suffer a serious knee injury (ruptured ACL Ligament) at Moneyfields last weekend he has been an integral part of this season's squad. On behalf of everyone at the club we wish Ben a speedy and full recovery and look forward to seeing you in a Swans shirt again next season.

After that thrilling draw at Cirencester in which either side could have won, we were unlucky not to pick up another point on the road at Moneyfields, losing Joe Noakes to a Red card then Ben's injury didn't help.

Today we face Winchester for the third time this season so it will be another tough test and hopefully the game lives up to the entertainment those games gave us back in September.

Have a good afternoon

Rob

This Week's Fixtures

Sat 24 Nov 18

- 15:00 AFC Totton v Bristol Manor Farm
- 15:00 Bideford v Moneyfields
- 15:00 Evesham United v Paulton Rovers
- 15:00 Fleet Town v Barnstaple Town
- 15:00 Highworth Town v Melksham Town
- 15:00 Larkhall Athletic v Mangotsfield United
- 15:00 Slimbridge v Winchester City
- 15:00 Street v Blackfield & Langley
- 15:00 Thatcham Town v Cinderford Town
- 15:00 Yate Town v Cirencester Town

Tue 27 Nov 18

- 19:45 AFC Totton v Melksham Town
- 19:45 Moneyfields v Paulton Rovers

Fri 30 Nov 18

- 19:45 Bristol Manor Farm v Evesham United

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The Winchester Football Club was founded in 1884 as a result of the endeavours of two residents of the city – Oxford graduate and former England Rugby cap Charles Sylvester Wooldridge and Huntingdon-born all-round sportsman (and, incidentally, inventor of ice hockey!) Arnold Tebbutt. The football club, which had strong links with Winchester College, made quite an impact in the early years of association football in Hampshire, reaching the final of the inaugural Hampshire Senior Cup competition in 1888 and providing a number of players to represent Hampshire in county-based competitions. However financial difficulties, combined with the indifference of Winchester residents, led to the 1884 club folding in 1893.

The decline of the city's most high-profile club left a void that was subsequently to be filled by the Winchester Swallows FC. Formed in 1891, the Swallows were less socially exclusive than the 1884 club and had a membership more reflective of that of Winchester as a whole. The club changed its name to Winchester FC at the start of the start of the 1894/95 season, and again in 1907 when it became Winchester City FC. Like the 1884 club, the Swallows appeared in a dark blue and white strip

and played their home games at Bar End, before moving in 1896 to a field adjoining the Old Red Deer pub in Stockbridge Road, and relocating again to the Roebuck Inn in 1902.

The club first played in a league-based competition in 1896/97 when it entered the newly-formed South Hampshire League. Winchester FC won the title in this first season, and repeated that feat in the each of the following three years. The club joined the Hampshire League in 1898/99 where, after struggling during their first few seasons, they remained unbeaten throughout the 1904/05 season and won the League's Northern Section. The club also enrolled to the Southampton and District League in 1908/09, but with no notable success.

Like a number of other football clubs, Winchester City FC effectively disbanded at the start of the First World War in 1914, and didn't reappear until 1920.

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The rebirth of the club signalled two significant changes. Firstly, the club had moved again, this time playing its home fixtures at the Fair Field at Bar End (now the site of the Bar End Industrial Estate), a site where it was to stay until the Second World War. Secondly, it adopted a new strip, discarding its navy-blue colours in favour of red and white stripes.

The late 20s and early 30s proved to be a purple patch in City's fortunes. The 1929/30 season saw the side again win the Northern Section of the Hampshire League, and achieve its most successful FA Cup run to date. That year saw City reach the fourth qualifying round of the tournament where a 3-0 defeat by Thames FC at the 120,000 capacity West Ham Stadium deprived them of an away trip to Fulham in the First-Round proper. Any disappointment at this would have been forgotten two years later in 1931 when City lifted the Hampshire Senior Cup for the first time after defeating Andover at The Dell.

One of the key members of the team in that era was the teenage Ted Drake. A local gas meter-reader at the time of joining City, Drake went on to enjoy a successful career with Southampton before joining Arsenal and also collecting five England caps. The highlight of his subsequent managerial career saw him steer Chelsea to their first (and, until 2005, their only) league title in 1955.

Play was again interrupted by war in 1939, although the club did continue to play and took advantage of the presence of a number of enlisted players that passed through the city. The end of hostilities saw City move yet again, this time taking up a lease of the Army's playing field at Airlie Road, Stanmore.

The 1950s saw a second notable period of success at Winchester City. The side were runners up in the Hampshire League in 1949/50 and, in the same season, won their first Southampton Senior Cup final, an achievement which was repeated in 1951/52. The Russell Cotes Cup was also won for the first time in 1954/55. Success on the field was mirrored off the pitch as the club enjoyed some of its largest gates with crowds that regularly topped 1,000 filing into the Airlie Road stands.

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It was during this period that the young Terry Paine ran out for his hometown club. His prodigious talent led to his being signed in 1956 by Southampton with whom he made a record number of appearances (713 over 17 seasons). Paine also made 19 appearances for England, the last of which was against Mexico in the 1966 World Cup finals for which he (belatedly) received a winner's medal in 2009.

Prior to the 1970s City had played virtually all of its competitive football, with the exceptions of the Amateur and FA Cups, within the confines of the Hampshire county border. However, after the club's Russell Cotes Cup victory and a creditable second spot in the Hampshire League in 1970/71 the club's Board decided to make the step up and enter the Southern League for the first time. City survived for just two seasons at that higher level, achieving disappointing final positions of 12th out of 16 (1971/72) and 21st out of 22 (1972/73), before electing to return to the Hampshire League.

For the remainder of the 1970s City yoyo'd between the top two divisions of the Hampshire League before a potentially fatal blow hit the club in 1981. In that year the lease agreement with the Army for Airlie Road expired and was not renewed. Briefly homeless, the club eventually moved to its current ground, a pitch leased from the City Council at Hillier Way. The ground needed a considerable amount of work to get it up to scratch, as did the team which had tumbled into the Hampshire League's third division by 1982/83. The ignominy of this decline was made all the greater by the success of local rivals Winchester Castle in the first division – City could no longer claim to be Winchester's premier club.

The continuing existence of Winchester City FC throughout the 1980s owed much to the work of Geoff Cox who at various times acted as Chairman, Manager, Coach and Groundsman at the club. Under his guidance the club was eventually to return to the Hampshire League's top division in 1993/94.

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The new millennium ushered in a period of unprecedented success for Winchester City. Prompted in part by the arrival of new and ambitious members to the Board, the club merged with Winchester Castle and began a rapid rise through the local league structure. Promotion to the Hampshire Premier League was achieved in 2000/01, and followed two years later by promotion to the Wessex League. The Wessex League title was secured at the first attempt.

That same season witnessed the club's greatest ever triumph. May 2004 saw City face Suffolk side AFC Sudbury in the final of FA Vase at Birmingham City's St Andrew's ground. Few that were there will forget the spine-jangling moment when club captain Danny Smith lifted the trophy after the 2-0 victory.

Further successes were recorded in the seasons that followed – 2004/05 saw City win the Hampshire Senior Cup for the second time, beating Aldershot 2-1 at Bournemouth's Dean Court ground, whilst 2005/06 witnessed the club regain the Wessex League championship and win promotion to the Southern League for a second spell.

City's return to the Southern League lasted three seasons. Financial problems, followed by a final day points deduction saw City return to the Wessex League for the 2009/10 campaign. Despite a concerted push to gain promotion back to the Southern League which ultimately proved successful in 2011/12, the resources required to sustain the club's position at that level proved elusive. Winchester City FC finished the 2012/13 season at the foot of the Southern league and facing an uncertain future. The late spring of 2013 saw a takeover at the club and, with a new Committee structure and financial backers in place, the 2013/14 season heralds the start of a new chapter in the history of Winchester City FC.

2013-2014 saw a season of re-organisation and team building, with City retaining a place in the Sydenhams Wessex League.

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2015-2016 – City made a valiant attempt to take the Wessex title but just fell short to a very successful Peters field Town side who were rightly promoted to the Southern League. City under the Managership of Paul Masters then set about strengthening the squad to win the title next season when out of the blue they were offered a place in the Southern League due to a withdrawal. The Club were given 24 hours to pay their fees and attend the AGM in Torquay. A frantic drive by Director of Football Dave Malone saw him arrive just in time with the relevant papers and bank draft! As a result, our neighbours, Peters field Town, were moved out of Division 1 South and West to accommodate City and placed in the Central Division! City's first season back in the Southern League was a success with them reaching the play-offs final losing to Banbury United in the quarter finals, who were promoted and coming within minutes of winning the Hampshire Senior Cup losing on penalties to Havant and Waterlooville. City's preparation for this season were disrupted by the unexpected resignation of Manager Paul Masters in the middle of pre-season friendlies. The Club quickly filled the vacancy by appointing Petersfield Town's Manager Ian Saunders to the post.

The club started the season brightly and made it to the fourth Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, beating US Portsmouth, Street and Truro City before finally succumbing to Harrow Borough. The club also had a successful run in the FA Trophy, thanks to wins against Petersfield Town, Fleet Town and Phoenix Sports before getting knocked out narrowly by Dulwich Hamlet. Craig Feeney and Howard Neighbour forced a strong strike partnership, added to that the midfield flair of Captain Stuart Green and winger, Andy Jenkinson, City recovered from a difficult spell before Christmas to mount a play-off push in the early stages of the New Year. Manager, Ian Saunders, went away with the military, and during this time, Mick Catlin stepped in to take over the running of the First-Team. When Saunders returned, form deteriorated and Saunders subsequently left the club and was replaced by Interim Manager, Craig Davis, who joined the club from Fleet Town. Davis took control of the club until the end of the season, when it was announced that he would officially be becoming Permanent First Team Manager.

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'Davo' finished 11th with City in his first full season in charge, a season that saw a successful run, resulting in a Hampshire Senior Cup Semi-Final where City eventually lost to Blackfield & Langley. The Citizens also hosted Southampton FC in the Southampton Senior Cup and achieved memorable league victories against Didcot Town, Evesham United, Swindon Supermarine and Wimborne Town as well as impressive away draws at both Swindon Supermarine and Salisbury, the latter seeing City come from 2-0 down to salvage a point at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium.

City had a successful pre-season this summer with wins over Eastleigh, Hungerford Town and Dorchester Town at home, as well as draws with Weymouth and Salisbury. Away wins at Cove and Kidlington also bolstered pre-season for Davo's side. The season started brightly with three successive league wins against Mangotsfield United, Thatcham Town and Moneyfields.

City have had a successful FA Cup run this campaign, beating Bournemouth Poppies, Frome Town, Merthyr Town and Cirencester Town before eventually getting knocked out in the Fourth Qualifying Round (only the second time in the club's history that we have been that far), losing at Torquay United. City have exited the FA Trophy, Hampshire Senior Cup and League Cup all on penalties to Slimbridge, Hartley Wintney and Gosport Borough respectively.

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Playing Squad

RYAN PRYCE

Ex-AFC Bournemouth Goalkeeper that also lists Salisbury City, Gosport Borough and Fleet Town amongst his former clubs. Pryce made five senior appearances for the Cherries, making his debut against Southend United.

DANNY KING

Left sided defender, the clubs longest-serving player currently and a real fans favourite. A teacher by trade, he has played for Chelsea and Southampton in his youth. Danny reached his testimonial year last season and had his testimonial at the end of the 2017-18 campaign.

JOSH HARFIELD

23-year-old defender who was at City three seasons ago. Since played for Whitchurch United and most recently, Fleet Town, Harfield has returned to City last summer, a player with real potential for the future.

JOE HAYWARD

Defender who joined us last season having previously been with Eastleigh FC, unfortunately broke his leg recently but returned quickly and showed what great potential he has. Delighted he is with us again this year and look forward to seeing him in action.

JOE COOK

Versatile Defender/Midfielder who is comfortable on the ball. 'Cooky' was at City last season and excelled himself.

JAMIE BARRON

Resigned from Gosport Borough Jamie has played for Salisbury, Andover, Sholing and Folland Sports. A winner of a Schools National Cup medal. Appointed Captain for another season and a really important player for us.

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OLI BAILEY

20-year-old striker who has joined the club last summer from Gosport Borough, has also previously played for Swindon Supermarine and started out as a youngster at Southampton FC. Pacey, enthusiastic forward with a bright future. Scored 21 goals last season and is looking to push on again this campaign.

ROB CARR

24-year-old highly rated winger that has previously played for both Woking and also Fleet Town. Another regular goalscorer with 20 goals plus in his last 3 seasons for Fleet Town. Entering his second season with the Citizens.

SIMBA MLAMBO

Also signed from Davis' former club, Fleet Town. Mlambo has spent the past few seasons in North Hampshire, and was an Alton Town player before this. Can play wide or up front and a player with immense speed and power in the air. Another playing starting his second season with City.

JOSH TOMBS

17-year-old youth team goalkeeper who was promoted to the first team squad this year after an excellent season in the reserves last season.

JOSH CORNER

midfielder who is still in the youth team but made several appearances and impressed last season despite his young age.

HARVEY CLARK

Another youth team player who made a first team debut last season, he is a defender who we have high hopes for.

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TYRELL MITFORD

Forward player signed from Team Solent, played for Gosport at step 3 last season, excited to have this player on board and has already settled in well after signing this summer. Mitford previously has football league experience with QPR.

JAKE RAWKINS

Diminutive tricky winger who we signed from Bemerton in the Wessex league after scoring a lot of goals for them last season. He has played at this level previously for AFC Totton.

LIAM GILBERT

Combative ball playing midfield player in his first full season for the Citizens after signing halfway through last season, previously captain for AFC Totton.

MATT ANDREWS

Forward player signed this summer from Fareham Town, has played at this level in the past for Petersfield Town. *Currently dual-registered with Fleetlands.*

BRAD GALE

Powerful midfielder who has signed after a brief spell last season, played for Verwood Town and Poole Town where he was highly regarded by their supporters.

BEN SUNLEY

Goal scoring Forward player who had a fantastic season in the reserves last season, still a youth team player but has been heavily involved in the 1st team already.

CALLUM KITCHER

Delighted to sign Callum this season, he joined our reserves after the deadline day at end of last season, played a number of games for the reserve team and impressed, look forward to having him in the squad this season. *Currently dual-registered with Bemerton Heath Harlequins.*

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GEORGE SHORT

Another player returning to the club, Short re-joins City from Bracknell Town. George has unfortunately been out injured since his return so far.

BRETT CUNNINGHAM

A young winger that joined the club recently from Farnborough. Brett has shown glimpses of his potential, making mostly substitute appearances to date.

IK Hill

A young winger who has re-joined the club recently from Alresford Town. IK played for City last season and opted to switch to Wessex League neighbours, Alresford. After 17 appearances for the Magpies, he has re-joined City. A pacy young midfielder.

OLLIE GRIGGS

Versatile defender/midfielder who has re-joined City on loan from Dorchester Town. Griggs had a loan spell with the Citizens last season and has returned again this campaign.

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STAFF PROFILES

CRAIG DAVIS

Player-Manager who came to City from Fleet Town after relinquishing his position as Manager. Took over as Interim Manager until the end of the 2016-17 season before taking over the reins permanently. His playing career started off as a pro at Cardiff City before spells at Bashley, Salisbury, Gosport Borough and AFC Totton. Has won both the Southern League South and West and Premier as a player.

JO BROCKSOM

Jo is in her 3rd season now at Winchester as Sports therapist, this is her 1st season taking a leading role though, has been integral in keeping our players on the pitch and delighted to have her with the club again this season.

PETE MILLARD

Scout – Someone Craig Davis brought to the club this season and has previously worked for Bashley FC and Craig at Fleet Town, has a wealth of knowledge and provides important information to Craig throughout the season, really crucial member of the management team.



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Fixtures 2018-19

Evo-Stick League South, Division One South

Sat 18 Aug 18	15:00	Blackfield & Langley	A	League	L	0-1
Wed 22 Aug 18	19:45	Highworth Town	H	League	D	0-0
Sat 25 Aug 18	15:00	Wantage Town	H	FAC Pr	D	1-1
Mon 27 Aug 18	15:00	Bristol Manor Farm	A	League	L	0-3
Sat 01 Sep 18	15:00	Bideford	H	League	W	3-2
Tue 04 Sep 18	19:45	Wantage Town	A	FAC Pr R	L	0-1
Wed 12 Sep 18	19:45	Evesham United	H	League	L	0-1
Sat 15 Sep 18	15:00	Larkhall Athletic	H	League	D	1-1
Sat 22 Sep 18	15:00	Barnstaple Town	A	League	W	2-1
Sat 29 Sep 18	15:00	Winchester City	H	FAT Ex Pr	D	1-1
Tue 02 Oct 18	15:00	Winchester City	H	FAT Ex Pr R	W	3-3
Sat 06 Oct 18	15:00	Paulton Rovers	A	League	L	1-2
Wed 10 Oct 18	19:45	Merthyr Town	H	Lge Cup 1	W	5-1
Sat 13 Oct 18	15:00	Melksham Town	H	FAT Pr	L	2-3
Sat 20 Oct 18	15:00	Fleet Town	H	League	L	1-3
Sat 03 Nov 18	15:00	Street	A	League	L	1-3
Tue 06 Nov 18	19:45	Melksham Town	H	Lge Cup 2	W	4-0
Sat 10 Nov 18	15:00	Paulton Rovers	H	League	W	1-0
Tue 13 Nov 18	19:45	Cirencester Town	A	League	D	3-3
Sat 17 Nov 18	15:00	Moneyfields	A	League	L	1-0
Sat 24 Nov 18	15:00	Winchester City	H	League		
Sat 01 Dec 18	15:00	Melksham Town	A	League		
Sat 08 Dec 18	15:00	AFC Totton	A	League		
Sat 15 Dec 18	15:00	Yate Town	H	League		
Sat 22 Dec 18	15:00	Mangotsfield United	A	League		
Wed 26 Dec 18	15:00	Bristol Manor Farm	H	League		
Sat 29 Dec 18	15:00	Blackfield & Langley	H	League		

Fixtures 2018-19

Evo-Stick League South, Division One South

Tue 01 Jan 19	15:00	Cinderford Town	A	League
Sat 05 Jan 19	15:00	Thatcham Town	H	League
Sat 12 Jan 19	15:00	Highworth Town	A	League
Sat 19 Jan 19	15:00	Larkhall Athletic	A	League
Sat 26 Jan 19	15:00	Barnstaple Town	H	League
Sat 02 Feb 19	15:00	Evesham United	A	League
Sat 09 Feb 19	15:00	Cirencester Town	H	League
Sat 16 Feb 19	15:00	Fleet Town	A	League
Sat 23 Feb 19	15:00	Street	H	League
Sat 02 Mar 19	15:00	Yate Town	A	League
Sat 09 Mar 19	15:00	AFC Totton	H	League
Sat 16 Mar 19	15:00	Winchester City	A	League
Sat 23 Mar 19	15:00	Melksham Town	H	League
Sat 06 Apr 19	15:00	Moneyfields	H	League
Sat 13 Apr 19	15:00	Mangotsfield United	H	League
Sat 20 Apr 19	15:00	Bideford	A	League
Mon 22 Apr 19	15:00	Cinderford Town	H	League
Sat 27 Apr 19	15:00	Thatcham Town	A	League

Fixtures 2018-19

Midland Floodlit Youth League (U18)

Thu 16 Aug 18	19:45	Pegasus Juniors	A	League	W	2-1
Thu 23 Aug 18	19:45	Bromyard Town	H	League	W	9-0
Thu 30 Aug 18	19:45	Redditch United	H	League	W	7-3
Mon 03 Sep 18	19:45	Stourport Swifts	A	League	W	4-0
Thu 13 Sep 18	19:45	Cheltenham Town	A	League	W	7-3
Thu 20 Sep 18	19:45	Tuffley Rovers	A	FA Y Cup	W	4-1
Tue 25 Sep 18	19:45	Malvern Town	H	League	W	3-0
Tue 03 Oct 18	19:00	Torquay United	A	FA Y Cup	L	0-1
Thu 25 Oct 18	19:45	Bishops Cleeve	H	League	D	2-2
Thu 01 Nov 18	19:45	Cheltenham Town	H	League	D	3-3
Thu 08 Nov 18	19:45	Dudley Town	A	Lge Cup	W	3-0
Thu 15 Nov 18	19:45	Pegasus Juniors	H	League	W	5-0
Sun 18 Nov 18	15:00	Tuffley Rovers	A	County Cup	W	3-0
Tue 27 Nov 18	19:45	Redditch United	A	League		
Mon 3 Dec 18	19:45	Malvern Town	A	League		
Thu 13 Dec 18	19:45	Tuffley Rovers	H	League		

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Eric Edge

21 year old goalkeeper signed for the swans for the first time this season, played in the USA for FC Miami City, has plenty of experience behind him, an excellent signing for us.

Lewis Adams

An excellent young keeper who plays for our Under 18s, has a bright future ahead of him.

Jaden Maddock

Another exciting youngster who plays for our Under 18s, Jaden has impressed for our youth team and will be looking to cement a regular first team place.

Korey Pring

21 year old defender who had a very good season last year, reliable and very strong, Korey will be looking to push on for us this year.

Jack Dempsey

Jack's first season with us this year, looked very strong in pre-season, this 29 year old has previous experience at Southern league level, formerly with Oldland Abbotonians.

Alex Hoyle

Alex has been a long term injury casualty but once fully fit Alex will be an important player for the swans, strong in the air, Former captain.

Christien Turner

This 24 year old defender could be the find of the season, signed from neighbours Brimscombe & Thrupp in the summer, Christien has already shown great potential.

Joe Noakes

A 21 year old signing from Bishops Cleeve in the summer, Joe will be looking to establish a regular first team place in this, his first season with us.

Swans Pen Pics

Dean Turner

Known as 'Deano' to everyone here at Thornhill Park, Dean is in his 9th season with the swans, a true clubman who will never lie down.

Sam Mendes

Another excellent signing by manager Lee Driver-Dickerson in the summer, Sam is well respected locally, formerly with Westfields FC, strong tackler and passes a ball well.

Ben Hands

Recruited from Bishops Cleeve pre-season, 21 year old Ben arrives at Thornhill Park with high hopes of establishing himself after we received very good reports about him.

Joe Wilton

Joe's second season with us, has good speed and can cause problems for opposing defences, hoping to see Joe progress further with us this season and establish a regular first team place.

Yeshaya Lomotey

23 year old previously with Shortwood Utd, a tricky midfielder/forward with plenty of pace.

Max Harper-Emerson

Another 21 year old with plenty of potential, Max is another player who is capable of opening up defences, expecting to see Max further improve with us this season.

Adam Bloomfield

Adam has been a scoring sensation for our Under 18s so has rightly been given his chance in the first team where hopefully he can progress.

Swans Pen Pics

Will Hawes

A great signing for the Swans in pre-season, Will played at Shortwood utd last year, a strong, bustling forward who will be looking to get his name on the scoresheet regularly this season.

Jamie Martin

Long serving stalwart, Jamie is now classed as a senior Swan, always capable of making and scoring goals, a popular player here at Thornhill Park.

Ewen Dunbar

Transferred from Evesham Utd in August Ewen is a very quick forward, this 19 year old has a big season ahead of him.

Liam Smith

A strong midfielder in his second spell with the swans, played at Hartpurv college, 23 years old.

Edji Mbunga

Signed for us last season after playing for Gloucester City and Redditch Utd, a quick forward player who has a good eye for goal.

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Manager- Lee Driver-Dickerson

Lee was assistant to manager Freddy Ward last season and has been appointed in the hot seat after Freddy stood down pre-season, a great motivator and man manager.

Assistant manager- Dave Strain

Dave comes with great experience behind him, was assistant manager to John Brough at North Leigh last season and previous to that spent 16 years coaching at Cheltenham Town academy.

Sports therapist- Rebecca Cox

Newly appointed this season, Rebecca also doubles up as physio for our u/18s development team, Rebecca has settled in well with us here at Thornhill Park since her arrival.



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Slimbridge 1-0 Paulton Rovers

Saturday 10th November 2018

Slimbridge winning run continues with hard fought home win. The Swans taste victory at home against a tough Paulton side that had a majority of the chances however Will Hawes second half goal was enough to seal the points.

An unchanged Slimbridge side from a midweek cup victory were put under pressure early on, former Swan Ben Prictor's corner bouncing off the top of the cross bar after 5 minutes. Joe Noakes gave the ball away on the edge of the area Jack Ball failed to capitalise firing his shot wide. Eric Edge was then called into action saving Dale Evans shot from just outside the box. Joe Hilliard tried his luck from distance but his shot sailed wide of the goal.

The home side were finding it difficult to hold onto the ball with Paulton putting pressure on the Swans back line playing three across the back which managed to hold firm. Mitch Tippins shot was fired wide before Slimbridge finally got sight of the opposition goal, Noakes free kick on the left from the halfway line was fired over the top of the visitors defence unfortunately Ewen Dunbar could not quite get on the end of it with just under 20 minutes played.

On 20 minutes Liam Monelle's shot cleared the home bar as Slimbridge continued to soak up the continued pressure from the Rovers midfield. Paulton's Ball forced Edge into a save after Noakes was robbed of the ball inside of the Swans box. Rovers should have taken the lead on 32 minutes, Monelle shot hitting the angle from 18 yards with Edge unsighted in the home goal.

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A minute later Slimbridge had there only real chance of the half, Yeshaya Lomotey playing a delightful through ball to Dunbar whose effort was well saved by Rob Brown in the visitors goal.

With the first half coming to a close, Ball again getting into a scoring chance this time Edge saving his shot from close range, Hilliard firing the follow up wide from a narrow angle on the right.

The second half continued in the same vein as the first, Charlie Hitchings getting on the end of a corner but his header was wide. The Swans failed to trouble Brown in the early stages, Hawes free kick was easily caught along with a deep cross from Jaden Maddock on the right.

On 58 minutes Slimbridge's luck continued, Ben Withey's cross from the right fired in to Tippins whose shot cannoned back off the base of the post from 20 yards. Withey again on the right beating his marker this time his cross found Ball who forced another save from Edge with 65 minutes of the game gone.

A minute later, it was the Swans that made the break through with only their second chance of the game. Jaime Laird played the ball back to Brown and under pressure from Dunbar miskicked his clearance; Hawes pounced on the loose ball firing past the helpless Brown into the empty net giving the home side the lead against the run of play.

Despite going a goal behind Paulton continued to put pressure on the home sides defence, Korey Pring blocking a host from Tippins on 70 minutes then two minutes later a Rovers free kick from the left forcing Christien Turner to clear off his own line.

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At the other end substitute Jamie Martins run down the right flank resulting in a cross to Hawes however his shot was well wide. Moments later Hitchings forced a point blank save from Edge in the home goal Edge hooking the ball away for a corner. Deep in injury time Hawes pass from the right found Liam Smith running in his first time shot was expertly finger tipped around the post by Brown.

The Swans face two tough away league games this week, travelling to playoff hopefuls Cirencester Town on Tuesday night and then a long trip to Hampshire on Saturdays to face high flying Moneyfields. The unbeaten Under 18's also play midweek when they face Pegasus Juniors in a Midland Floodlit Youth League match at Thornhill Park on Thursday evening with a 7:45pm kick off.

Slimbridge: Edge, Maddock (Hands 90_4), King, Pring, C Turner, Noakes, D Turner, M Turner, Dunbar (Martin 69), Hawes, Lomotey (Smith 71)

Attendance: 105

Supporters Man of the match: Eric Edge

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Cirencester 3-3 Slimbridge

Tuesday 13th November 2018

Swans concede late equaliser in thrilling draw against high flying local rivals Cirencester Town.

Slimbridge made two changes to the starting lineup with Jamie Martin and Liam Smith starting up front with Ewen Dunbar and Yeshaya Lomotey dropping to the bench keeping the same formation of five at the back that bought wins against Melksham and Paulton.

It was the Swans that started the game brightly, Dan King shot blocked by Alexandru Albert followed up a few minutes later with some neat interplay between Christien Turner and Jamie Martin resulting in a corner to the Swans with 11 minutes gone. Joe Noakes header from the corner was blocked but in the scramble Will Hawes poked the ball home to give the visitors the lead.

Two minutes later Tommy Andersons cross was tipped away by Eric Edge in the Swans goal before Edge was forced into another save this time from the head of Alan Griffin. Hawes pounced on a loose ball in the middle of the park laying it through to Martin on the right after beating a home defender but fired his shot inches wide of the post.

Slimbridge had the ball in the net again on 29 minutes, Smith getting his head to Edge's goal kick flicking the ball through for Hawes to run onto and tuck the ball into the net, however Hawes was flagged offside.

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The Centurions pulled the game level on 34 minutes, Adam Connolly heading home from a corner at the near post. As the half time whistle neared, Martin was just beaten to the ball by home keeper Martin Horsell after a neat lob over the defence by Dean Turner.

Slimbridge introduced Ewen Dunbar for goal scorer Will Hawes at the start of the second half and it was Dunbar that made an instant impact 90 seconds after coming on. Jayden Maddock's long run down the right flank passing two home defenders gave him space to provide a pin point cross into the box to allow Dunbar to back heel the ball into the net restoring the Swans lead.

The lead lasted only a couple of minutes, when Henry Spalding's cross on the left found Ben Whitehead who made no mistake in firing past Edge to equalise. Edge was called into action again soon after saving Spalding's header and gathering Will Christopher's shot.

As this entertaining game flowed end to end, Smith and Dunbar linked up only for Dunbars shot to fall directly to Horsell. On the hour mark Edge tipped away Andersons cross before Dean Turner forced a save from Horsell down at the other end.

It was Slimbridge who broke the deadlock for the third time in the game, a move from the back resulting in a ball to Dunbar who beat two defenders before firing into the net past Horsell. Cirencester continued to press Edge saving Connolly's header from a flurry of corners to the home side.

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The Swans should have extended the lead when Martin just failed to get on the end of Dunbar's cross from the right when in clear space in front of goal. As the game continued into the last 10 minutes Slimbridge soaked up more and more pressure from the home side, Christien Turner clearing from a series of corners and Maddock making an important block inside the visitors box.

As the Swans desperately tried to on to their lead, four minutes into injury time Cirencester scored their third to bring the game level from a corner through substitute Ellis Dunton. There was still time for Cirencester to almost win the game Whitehead forcing Edge into a save and a header from the home side in a crowded box clipping the post.

A well-deserved point for the Swans lifts them another place up the league and some much needed confidence travelling to third place Moneyfields on Saturday.

Slimbridge: Edge, Maddock, King (Mbunga 90), Pring, C Turner, Noakes, D Turner, M Turner, Martin, Hawes (Dunbar 45), Smith

Supporters Man of the match: Liam Smith

Match Reports

Moneyfields 1-0 Slimbridge

Saturday 17th November 2018

The Swans made their longest journey of the season to Portsmouth on Saturday to take on third placed Moneyfields FC and returned home pointless despite battling brilliantly with ten men for 80 minutes of the game.

The game was just ten minutes old when Slimbridge were reduced to ten players after Joe Noakes was adjudged to have used an illegal elbow by referee James Robinson.

Despite this the Swans took the game to their hosts and near misses by Jamie Martin and Yeshaya Lomotey gave the visitors some confidence.

Moneyfields started to attack in force but some sterling work by the Swans back four kept them at bay but further disaster struck for the visitors just before the break when Ben Hands was stretchered off with a serious leg injury, later to be confirmed as a ruptured ACL which will see the popular midfielder sidelined for at least the rest of the season.

The second period was a case of defend in numbers for the Swans who had to dig in deep to prevent the home side from opening the scoring.

Just as it seemed the Swans had done enough to hold on for a point a soft shot from substitute Joseph Briggs after 78 minutes seemed to take a bobble and go under the body of keeper Eric Edge to break the hearts of the travelling supporters.

So despite a narrow defeat, their first in three games, Slimbridge can take heart from yet another good performance and look forward to hosting fellow strugglers Winchester City at Thornhill Park on Saturday, 3pm.

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Everyone at Slimbridge AFC would like to send Ben Hands their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Slimbridge: Edge, King, Mbunga, Pring, Hands (Mendes 27) Noakes, Smith, Myron Turner, Dunbar, Martin, Lomotey (Bloomfield 82)
Unused Sub: Lewis Adams (G/K)

Attendance: 104

Supporters man of the match: Dan King.



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#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Yate Town	12	8	3	1	25	11	14	27
2	Blackfield & Langley	13	8	2	3	24	12	12	26
3	Moneyfields	12	7	3	2	21	12	9	24
4	Evesham United	14	7	2	5	22	19	3	23
5	Cirencester Town	12	6	3	3	27	19	8	21
6	Street	11	6	2	3	22	15	7	20
7	Melksham Town	11	5	5	1	23	18	5	20
8	Cinderford Town	12	6	1	5	17	14	3	19
9	Bideford	12	5	3	4	20	21	-1	18
10	Highworth Town	13	4	5	4	23	22	1	17
11	AFC Totton	11	4	4	3	17	12	5	16
12	Larkhall Athletic	13	4	4	5	17	17	0	16
13	Thatcham Town	12	5	-	7	19	25	-6	15
14	Paulton Rovers	12	4	1	7	19	27	-8	13
15	Winchester City	11	3	3	5	18	20	-2	12
16	Slimbridge	13	3	3	7	13	21	-8	12
17	Bristol Manor Farm	10	3	2	5	17	21	-4	11
18	Mangotsfield United	12	3	1	8	16	23	-7	10
19	Barnstaple Town	13	3	-	10	16	30	-14	9
20	Fleet Town	11	2	1	8	14	31	-17	7

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